



## MEETING SUMMARY

### Mid-Region Council of Governments RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO) COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 9, 2014 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Mid-Region Council of Governments, 809 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Ted Barela, Chair**

**Daniel White, Vice Chair**

ORGANIZATION		MEMBER		ALTERNATE
Village of Cuba		Mark Hatzenbuehler, Mayor	X	Gilbert Dominguez Vandora P. Casados, Village Clerk
Town of Edgewood	X	Kay Davis McGill, Administrator		Brad Hill, Mayor
Town of Estancia	X	Ted Barela, <i>Chair</i>		Vacant
Pueblo of Jemez		Joshua Madalena, Governor		Chamisa Radford, Planning Manager
Pueblo of Laguna	X	David Deutsawe, Transportation Specialist		Sharon Hausam, Tribal Planner Wilbur Lockwood
City of Moriarty		Ted Hart, Mayor	X	Debbie Ortiz, Director, Moriarty Chamber of Commerce
Town of Mountainair	X	Jerry Lisk, Businessman		Suzan Brazil, Clerk
Sandoval County	X	Pete Nieto, Public Works Assistant Director		Fred Marquez, Project Manager
Santa Fe County		Vacant		Diego Gomez, Road Maintenance Engineer
Village of San Ysidro		Steve Lucero, Mayor	X	Daniel White, Marshal
Torrance County	X	Leanne Tapia, Commissioner		Lonnie Freyburger, Commissioner
Jicarilla Apache Nation	X	George M. Visio, P.E., Supervisory Civil Engineer		Adrian Notsinneh El, Highway Engineer/Planner Duane Sandoval, Highway Engineer/Planner
Pueblo of Zia		Juliet Pino, Planner		Peter Pino, Tribal Administrator
ELIGIBLE BUT NOT PARTICIPATING				
Village of Encino		John G Phillips III, Mayor		Boyd Herrington
Village of Willard		Robert Chavez, Mayor		Vacant
Village of Jemez Springs		Robert "Bob" Wilson, Mayor		Chris Belonger
NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS				
Estancia Valley		Myra Pancrazio		Vacant

Economic Development Association (EVEDA)			
La Merced de la Pueblo de Manzano		Daniel Antonio Herrera	Vacant
Step Into Cuba Alliance		Sally Davis	Richard Kozoll, MD Tim Rogers
<b>NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBER</b>			
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>		<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ALTERNATES</b>
BIA Southwest Regional Office		Angela Arviso, Regional Transportation Engineer	Shannon McKenna, Supervisory Highway Engineer Daniel Boyd, Highway Engineer
BLM, Rio Puerco Field Office		Arlene Salazar, Realty Specialist	Vacant
Federal Highway Administration		Vacant	Vacant
NM Dept. of Transportation – District 5		Miguel B. Gabaldon, Jr., District 5 Engineer	X David Quintana, District Engineer Chris Urioste, District Engineer
NM Dept. of Transportation – District 6		Jeff Sanchez, ADE Engineering Support	Anthony Griego, Co-ops Joann Garcia, Co-ops
NM Department of Transportation – Planning Division	X	Jason Coffey, Planner	Anne McLaughlin, Strategic Planning Bureau Chief
NM Dept. of Transportation – Transit		David Harris, Transit Manager	Greg White, Planner
NM State Land Office		Ray Powell, Commissioner	Bob Jenks, Deputy Commissioner
NPS-Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument		Glenn Fulfer, Park Superintendent	Vacant
USFS, Cibola Forest Service		Richard Graves, Transportation Engineer	Vacant
USFS, Santa Fe National Forest		Lee Harrelson, Forest Engineer	Vacant
USFS, Sandia Ranger District		Cid Morgan, District Ranger	Vacant
<b>OTHER PARTICIPANTS</b>			
Valerie Hermanson, Transportation Planner, MRCOG			

Sandra Gaiser, Regional Planning Manager, MRCOG
Ron Shutiva, Tribal Liaison, NMDOT
Clint Schugyl, Cornucopia
Reina Martinez, Program Manager, Cornucopia
Michelle Bishop-Couch, Cornucopia
Edmond Kurt, CEO, ARCA
Marcy Eppler, NMDOT
Dilulah Garcia, NMDOT
Cindy Baker, Development Director, Mandy's Special Farm
Antoinette Wright, Grant Manager, ARCA
Melissa McCue, Director, Mandy's Special Farm
Elizabeth Carter, Rio Metro RTD
Connie Meadowcroft, Rio Metro RTD
Mike Sandoval, NMDOT
Krista Kelly, Adelante
Kathleen Cates, LifeROOTS
Trudy Eberharette, LifeROOTS
Cathy Salazar, LifeROOTS

## **AGENDA**

### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Daniel White, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31a.m. A quorum was noted.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Kay Davis McGill, Town of Edgewood, made a motion to:

### **APPROVE THE AGENDA**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Debbie Ortiz, City of Moriarty and passed unanimously.

### **Approve Action Summary (Tab 1)**

Mr. George Visio, Jicarilla Apache Nation, made a motion to:

### **APPROVE THE ACTION SUMMARY FOR August 14, 2014**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Kay Davis McGill, Town of Edgewood and passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Michael Sandoval, Director, Transportation Planning and Safety Division, NMDOT spoke about the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the proposed rulemaking coming from the Federal level Department of Transportation. These proposed rules would essentially elevate Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPOs) to the same level as Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). In addition, RTPOs would manage their own Regional Transportation

Improvement Program (RTIP) similar to the way an MPO manages the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since this would mean more responsibility for RTPOs, Mr. Sandoval explained that NMDOT is investigating different options to help facilitate this possible transition of RTPOs in New Mexico. One of the options being looked into is a possible boundary change for the RTPOs. No final decisions have been made, but some RTPOs in New Mexico already have difficulty and are short staffed, so there is concern about additional responsibilities for some RTPOs managing the RTIP. Mr. Sandoval also explained that some RTPOs straddle two or three NMDOT districts, which could potentially create difficulty in the potential creation of the RTIP in the future. Changing boundaries to reflect one area could make managing the RTIP less difficult.

Mr. Daniel White asked if NMDOT had concerns with the Mid-Region Rural Transportation Planning Organization (MRRTPO).

Mr. Sandoval said that he does not have concern about MRRTPO because MRRTPO already resembles and runs its organization similar to an MPO. Also, there is existing capacity in MRRTPO to transition with the proposed rulemaking.

MRRTPO will continue to work with NMDOT during this time and keep the MRRTPO Committee informed about this issue as it moves forward.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Program Recommendations (Tab2)**

The MRRTPO Committee was requested to review the FY2016 Federal Transit Administration Grant applications for the MRCOG RTPO. Scoring sheets were handed out for this meeting. The committee was requested to score projects for 5310 Transportation for Elderly and Disabled Persons program and The 5311 Public Rural Transportation program. The final results of scoring will be compiled and transmitted to New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Sandra Gaiser, Regional Manager, MRRTPO, explained the ranking/rating process for the FTA applications and that not only are the applicants competing against each other, but also competing statewide. Then Ms. Gaiser introduced Marcy Eppler, NMDOT Transit and Rail Division, to the committee. Ms. Eppler noted the NMDOT will be ranking and rating the FY16 applicants.

Representatives from Adelante, ARCA, Cornucopia Adult and Family Services, LifeROOTS, Mandy's Special Farm and Rio Metro Regional Transit District presented to the committee.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **MRRTPO Staff Report:**

- Final Comments of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Tab 3)
- Final NMDOT Planning and Procedures Manual (PPM) (Tab 4)
- Rural Transportation Planning Program Recommendations (RTIPR) Call for Projects (Tab 5)

#### **NMDOT Liaison Report**

- Recreational Trails Program (RTP) presentation/explanation of Call of Projects

#### **Committee Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


**Next Meeting: December 11, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

*Anyone requiring special accommodations is requested to please notify the MRCOG office at 247-1750 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting*



Ted Barela, Chair –or–  
Daniel White, Vice-Chair  
Mid-Region Rural Transportation Planning  
Organization Committee

ATTEST:

  
Dewey V. Cave, Executive Director

